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**Arizona House of Representatives**Representative Jeff Weninger (R-17)

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## Arizona Legislature Passes Bill Taking Aim at Predatory Moving Companies

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – The Arizona House of Representatives today passed <u>HB</u> <u>2145</u>, legislation sponsored by Representative Jeff Weninger (R-17) that will prevent moving companies in Arizona from holding a customer's possessions hostage over a payment dispute.

"Moving is one of the most stressful life events for somebody to go through," said Representative Weninger. "Unfortunately, some predatory moving companies take advantage of stressed customers by adding additional fees once they have possession of a customer's property."

Following years of complaints and lawsuits filed, Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich aided Representative Weninger in the drafting of HB 2145. General Brnovich has said: "Some unscrupulous moving companies will move goods or items and when they get to the house they will not unload them unless that consumer pays them more money," Brnovich explained.

"The passage of this bill is a big achievement for consumer protection in Arizona, and I thank my colleagues in the Arizona Legislature for offering overwhelming bipartisan support for this commonsense legislation. This bill creates a much-needed relationship of trust between the customers and the moving companies," said Representative Weninger.

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